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MMER RENEWAL

Following our second Synod Assembly, I spent a week at Lake Chelan with family. The week was wonderful! Sunshine, blue skies, swimming, playing ball, bike rides and lots of sleep made me feel like a new person.

As I returned to the office, refreshed and newed, I was reminded how easy it is for l of us to become so involved in the intenty of our work that we forget to take time r our own renewal. I pray that each of you ll find time this summer to do that which rings wholeness to your life. Then we can l sing with the psalmist,

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love
and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long
as you live
so that your youth is renewed like
the eagle's.

Lowell E. Knutson

Youth from St. drew's, Bellevue, worked at Miracle Ranch phange in Mexico for two weeks . . . Our ngratulations to newlyweds Phil and Judie akestad who were married on July 1 at Camp therhaven in Coeur d'Alene . . .

SYNOD/REGIONAL FAMILY

We have babies! Daniel was born on 5/21/89 to Mardi Krusemark and Michael Erkkinen; Kelsie Jayne was born 6/6/89 to Jim and Felicia Lindus; and Kelsey Sena was born 6/15/89 to Mark and Elaine Peterson. Congratulations on these new arrivals to our synod family! . . . We have learned that Arne Aakre broke a leg at Lutherwood . . . The father of Bob Schultz passed away on 5/23 . . . Kent, Kent is currently sponsoring three Soviet refugees . . . Welcome to the family the following new interns to our synod: Stephen Mahan at Central, Bellingham; David Lechelt at Zion, Kent; Rolf Jacobson at First, Mt. Vernon; Trudy Thorleifson at Lutheran Compass Center, Seattle; Lynn Seep at Maple Leaf, Seattle; Devin Strong at Peace, Seattle, Julie Josund at Prince of Peace So., Seattle, and Karen Edwards at Our Saviour's, Bellingham . . . Please remember in prayer Ron Jacobson, Executive Director of Luther Child Center, Seattle, whose wife, Lorraine, passed away June 4 following a battle with cancer; the family of Pastor Harold Hauge, who died while on vacation June 15. He retired in April from Bethlehem, Portland, and had formerly served Freeborn, Stanwood, WA; Hope, Hines, OR; and First, Pasco, WA; the family of Associate in Ministry Ken Bjorgan, who died on June 29. Ken had been the Business Administrator at Phinney Ridge, Seattle, for 17 years before his retirement in September, 1988, due to cancer . . . Youth and adults from Salem, Mt. Vernon will work with Habitat for Humanity in Yakima the week of July 16-21 . . . Folks from Cross of Christ, Bellevue will also work with Habitat in Yakima the week of July 23-29 . . . Cross of Christ, Bellevue participated in a unique mission event called "Project Cedar Spirit '89" with the Quinalt and Makah tribes on the Olympic Peninsula. Young people from Messiah, Auburn, and Cross of Christ joined Native American youth to build a bike trail and paint a community center . . .

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE AT HOLDEN VILLAGE

LITE Lutheran Institute for Theological Education in the Pacific Northwest

Be sure to send in your registration right away for the LITE Theological Conference at Holden Sept. 25-28 (Monday-Thursday noon). This is a major theological conference for our Lutheran family in the Northwest. The speakers for this conference will be outstanding, and participation is encouraged by the Bishop's Office. The conference is one day shorter than previous years, which will allow pastors and lay workers to return home in good time and shape for their Sunday services. In fact, the conference will help you prepare the Sunday texts to preach!

Questions? Call the LITE office, 535-7342.

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY PROGRAM

The Center for Spiritual Development in Seattle invites you to participate in a powerful program of spiritual growth and practice based on Thomas Keating's "Spiritual Journey" series. It involves Tuesday classes and an introductory Saturday conference. It begins in late September and runs into mid-February. It is possible to try the course on for size by taking the Saturday conference and just the first six weeks of Keating's tapes. Class size is limited to 60 persons. Call 329-6700 for details and registration.

NATIONAL AIDS INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE WORKSHOP

This FREE workshop, offered by the Pacific NW Conference of The United Methodist Church, will be held Saturday, August 12, 10 am to 2 pm at First United Methodist Church, 811 Fifth Ave., Seattle, in the Blaine Room.

Activities will include computer demonstration of reference services; free on-line computer searches; free AIDS display materials; information on how to use NAIC to access international, national, and regional resources; free consultations with NAIC staff for research projects; small group discussions with NAIC staff; free networking, technical information, and general assistance.

For further information call L. George Abrams, 753-4453 or Edsel Goldson, 728-7462.

LITE RESIDENT THEOLOGIAN SCHEDULE SET

Professor Ronald Hals, recently retired from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, will serve as "resident theologian" in the Pacific Northwest from Sept 17. to Nov. 29, 1989. His schedule in our synod is as follows:

Day/Dates	Area	Contact	Phone
Oct 1-5 Sun-Thurs	Edmonds	Jeff Russell	778-2189
Oct 29-Nov 1 Sun-Wed	Bellevue	Llano Thelin	454-4344
Nov 19-21 Sun-Tues	Bellingham	Ken Daugs	733-4190

Dr. Hals will be teaching a variety of material, and his specialty is in Old Testament studies. All lay persons, clergy and lay church workers will have opportunity to study with this exciting biblical scholar.

The Resident Theologian Program, begun in 1985, is an especially valuable resource for small town/rural areas where funds are not always available to either send members to workshops elsewhere or to pay costs and honoraria to bring in a well-known speaker.

Although it is too late to schedule Ron Hals to visit your cluster this year, please know that LITE intends to continue this program annually with other fine teachers. If you would like to be considered for next year's program, or have other questions, please contact the LITE office, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA 98447; (206) 535-7342.

YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING EVENT

Plan now for the regional 1990 Youth Ministry Training Event, designed for adults who work with youth including pastors, Sunday School teachers, youth workers, parents, et al. Dr. Keith Olson, author of Counseling Teenagers and Their Families, will keynote this event. It will be held at the Center for Renewal in Issaquah January 22-24, 1990. Cost is $90 per person, and it will be limited to the first 65 registrants. Registration information will be sent early December

N E W S

EW DEAN AT PLTS

Dr. Timothy Lull has been named the new ean at Pacific Lutheran Theological eminary. A member of the faculty of utheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia ince 1977, Dr. Lull assumes the deanship as he incumbent, Dr. Gary Pence, returns full ime to the PLTS faculty.

EW INTERIM PRESIDENT

The Rev. Dr. James M. Childs, Jr. was lected interim president of Trinity Lutheran eminary, Columbus, Ohio, to begin on July 1. e will replace the Rev. Dr. A.G. Fjellman, hose term as interim president ended on June 0.

..B.I. SELECTS NEW INTERIM PRESIDENT

The Rev. Dr. A.G. Fjellman will begin as he new Interim President of Lutheran Bible nstitute in Issaquah on July 19. The previous president, Dr. C. Jack Eichhorst, has accepted a new position with Crossways International in Minnesota.

DR. RALPH A. BOHLMANN RE-ELECTED LCMS PRES.

At the 57th regular convention of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod on July 8, Dr. Ralph A. Bohlmann was elected on the first ballot to his fourth term as President.

Bohlmann, 57, has been LCMS President since 1981. Before that, he served six years as president of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and before that for 15 years on the seminary faculty, 10 of them also as assistant pastor in a St. Louis parish.

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE MINISTER

Trudy Thorleifson, President of the Washington Association of Churches, has announced the election of the Rev. John Boonstra by the Board of Directors, to succeed Loren Arnett as Executive Minister.

Boonstra, an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ, has served as Executive Director of the Geneva, Switzerland-based Frontier Internship in Mission Program since 1986. He will assume staff leadership of the WAC on November 1.

1988 WORLD HUNGER STATISTICS

The final report of 1988 offerings to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal indicated the following statistics:

Total ELCA offerings	$10,694,961
Region I	483,110
Northwest Washington Synod	120,330

UPSALA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER SELECTED

We are pleased to announce the selection of Julie Peterson, a member of Nativity Lutheran in Renton, as the recipient of the Jack and Doris Matthews Scholarship to Upsala College in East Orange, New Jersey. This is a full, four-year scholarship offered to a deserving student in our Region who would otherwise not be able to attend college.

The previous recipient, Allyson Backstrom of Idaho Falls, graduated with honors from Upsala in June, and will be continuing her studies at Cornell University.

"ELDER ALERT"

A new program for seniors, "Elder Alert" has been started in Edmonds. It consists of a form for your medical record, an orange tube in which to place your record in your refrigerator, and a label to place on your refrigerator to let emergency personnel know that your records are inside. Local emergency personnel who respond to "911" will check the refrigerator for the label. This program is especially important for those who live alone. Those who live outside of Edmonds might want to urge their local fire departments to participate in this program.

WANT ADS

OPENINGS FOR ASSOCIATES IN MINISTRY

There are currently openings in our synod for Associates in Ministry. Bishop Knutson requests that any AIMs who are interested in a new position complete the Region I Mobility Form (available at synod office) and make an appointment with the Bishop to discuss future plans. The Bishop will submit names of candidates to congregations for AIM openings.

CHAPLAIN SEEKS TO HOUSE-SIT IN AUGUST

The new chaplain at Foss Home, John Keiter, is looking for the home of a pastor to housesit when his wife and family visit him in August for three weeks. Please contact Chaplain Keiter at 364-1300. Thanks.

CHOIR DIRECTOR/ORGANIST POSITIONS OPEN

The following churches are accepting applications for adult choir directors:

Magnolia, Seattle--resumes by 8/15, call 284-0155; Maple Leaf, Seattle--resumes by 9/1, call 524-2448; Peace, Seattle--resumes by 8/4, call 935-1962; Bethlehem, Seattle--starts 9/6, call 722-5651.

A part-time organist position is available at Faith, Seattle. Call 523-9936 or 367-3625 by July 28.

PARISH SECRETARY POSITIONS OPEN

Christ, Edmonds is seeking a full-time parish secretary, interviewing August 7-11. Send resume to 23525-84th Ave. W., Edmonds 98020, or call 778-2189.

Magnolia, Seattle seeks a part-time parish secretary 15 hours/week in the summer and 25 hours/week the rest of the year. Send resume by 8/15 to Lailla Petersen, 405 W. Highland Dr., Seattle, WA 98119 or call 281-8493.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Foss Home, Seattle, seeks a secretary with executive level skills to work with the administrator of this health care facility. Contact Joe Breznau, Administrator, 364-1300.

YOUTH MINISTRY OPENINGS

Our Savior, Issaquah, is interviewing for a full-time Youth Director. Send resume to 745 Front St. So., Issaquah, WA 98027 or call Pastor Wuest at 792-4169. Deadline 7/28.

Clairemont, San Diego, CA seeks a full-time Director of Youth and Education, including development of a singles ministry. Send resume to Pastor Eugene Holtz, Clairemont Lutheran Church, 4271 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92117.

Trinity, Hawthorne, CA seeks a lay or clergyperson for Youth Ministry Specialist. Job description available in NW WA Synod office. If interested, contact Pastor Barbara Bornemann, Asst. to the Bishop in the So. Calif. (West) Synod, (213) 387-8183.

Trinity, Vancouver, WA has a full-time Director of Youth opening. Send resume by 8/20 to Trinity Lutheran Church, 309 W. 39th St., Vancouver, WA 98660; (206) 695-1221.

MANAGERIAL POSITION

Grunewald Guild has an opening for a managerial position, ideal for a couple. One-year commitment minimum requirement. For details write 19003 River Road, Leavenworth, WA 98826; (509) 763-3693.

PART-TIME EVANGELISM/VISITATION PASTOR

Clairemont, San Diego, CA has a fine opportunity for a retired pastor or someone interested in part-time evangelism and visitation ministry. Write to Pastor Eugene Holtz, Clairemont Lutheran Church, 4271 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92117.

CHURCH GROWTH SPECIALIST

First, Torrance, CA, has a clergy opening for a Church Growth Specialist. Job description available in NW WA Synod Office. If interested, contact Pastor Barbara Bornemann, Asst. to the Bishop, So. Calif. (West) Synod, (213) 387-8183.

POSITION OPENING AT PLTS

PLTS announces an opening for Director, Center for Lutheran Church Growth & Mission to begin 1/1/90. Send resumes to the Office of the President, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, 2770 Marin Ave., Berkeley, CA 94708; (415) 524-5264.

CAMPUS MINISTER OPENING

Thurston County Ministries in Higher Education is recruiting for a full-time campus minister to work primarily with the Evergreen State College. Deadline to apply 8/11. Send resume to Search Committee, Thurston County Ministries in Higher Education, P O Box 1816, Olympia, WA 98507.

FAMILY/SINGLES MINISTRY

King of Glory, Dallas, TX, seeks applicants for a third pastoral position specializing in family/singles ministry. No more than 20% preaching anticipated; highly programmatic position; need creative person, self-starter, strongly community-minded. Send resume to No. Texas-No. Louisiana Synod, P O Box 560587, Dallas, TX 75356-0587, Attn: Margi Faulkner.

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, PA, is searching for its 11th president. The search was begun in the fall of 1988 and re-opened in April, 1989. Nominations and requests for applications may be addressed to: Presidential Search Committee, The Lutheran Theological Seminary, 61 West Confederate Ave., Gettysburg, PA 17325.

FOR SALE

Bethelehem, Seattle, has a complete set of chancel furniture for sale (altar, pulpit, lecturn, baptismal font and hymn number board) made of oak with carved symbols, in excellent condition. Call 722-5651.

PEN PAL WANTED

A prisoner at Shelton would like to have a pen pal. Please write to Bill McClenon, #935715, Birch Hall, B-14, Shelton, WA 98584.

COACHING POSITIONS

Sno-King Lutheran High School is seeking to fill two coaching positions for fall, a girls' Varsity Assistant Volleyball Coach and a boys' Varsity Soccer Coach. Contact the Athletic Director, Al Hagen, at 774-3916 or 335-0222.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTHWEST WASHINGTON SYNOD WELCA CONVENTION

Our synod's WELCA convention will be held in October 27-29 at the Warm Beach Conference Center in Stanwood. All women of the synod are invited to attend. Save the dates!

DELEGATIONS TO NICARAGUA

The Seattle-Managua Sister City Association announces the 25th and 26th consecutive fact-finding delegations to Managua, Nicaragua, September 21-28 and November 23-30, 1989. Participants will visit with Nicaraguans from all walks of life and visit farms, factories, schools, hospitals, neighborhoods and rural areas. For more information, please call Roy Wilson at 329-2974.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTS CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE

At the June Assembly, our synod passed by a wide margin a resolution supporting passage of the Children's Initiative #102. The resolution also strongly encouraged congregations and individual members to work in support of the initiative.

Proponents of the resolution stressed that current state funding for children's programs is extremely inadequate. Initiative #102 provides for a significant increase in state funding for the health, protection and education of children in the state of Washington. These new monies would be generated through a tax increase, and would be deposited in a Children's Initiative Fund from which the Legislature would appropriate funds through the biennial budget process.

If you are interested in volunteering some time to the campaign or in making a financial contribution, please contact The Children's Initiative, 416 Occidential Ave. So., Room 201, Seattle, WA 98104, 682-7424.

The initiative will be on the November 7 ballot. Please vote YES!

SCANDINAVIAN TOUR

Grunewald Guild announces a Scandinavian tour September 16-October 11, which would be a special interest to church artists, architects, and Scandinaviophiles to visit Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland, led by Richard Caemmerer. Call (509) 763-3693 or write Grunewald Guild, 19003 River Rd., Leavenworth, WA 98826.

LANDS OF LUTHER TOUR AND PASSION PLAY

A 16-day Christian Heritage Tour including the Oberammergau Passion Play will be led by Anna and Theol Hoiland June 23-July 8, 1990. For detailed information, call Pastor Hoiland at 248-1504.

RESOURCES

LIFE ENRICHMENT EDUCATION

You may be in the process of planning your Fall '89 educational programs for your congregation. The Life Enrichment program of Lutheran Social Services can provide you with the following:

- *Educational workshops and presentations in Family Life Education, Personal Growth and Awareness, and Social Growth and Awareness Issues.
- *Educational video programs on Family Issues and Effective Communication.
- *Consultation in developing your adult education programs.
- *Resources in the Christian community that can provide you with more in-depth assistance.

Whether it be finding speakers for your adult forum, planning special events, or perhaps aiding you in the preparation of a marriage enrichment weekend, Life Enrichment is a resource for you which will help nurture, challenge, and stimulate your congregation. Call 365-2700 for more information or to receive the Catalog of Presentations.

PARENTING WORKSHOP

St. Luke Medical Center in Bellevue announces the availability of a Parenting Workshop entitled "Growing Stress Proof Children and Teens". The following questions will be addressed: "What is child/teen stress?" "How do I identify key stressors that affect my son or daughter?" "What can I do to effectively deal with their stress?" "What additional resources are available?"

For more information on scheduling this workshop, contact Rick Goudzwaard, Associate in Ministry, at St. Luke Medical Center, 455-5515.

EVANGELISM/CHURCH GROWTH WORKSHOPS

Pastor Gerry Rafftery of Billings, Montana, is one of 25 Partners in Evangelism who have been trained through the ELCA to lead workshops and to motivate congregations to become involved in active evangelism ministries.

Pastor Rafftery is co-pastor at American Lutheran Church, belongs to the Academy of Evangelists, is doing doctoral work at Notre Dame, and has been a mission developer. He has committed 30 days between now and the end of 1990 to assist Region I. He is available to congregations and/or clusters, and can be reached at his office (406/252-4171) or through the ELCA Division of Congregational Life in Chicago (312/380-2560). His travel expenses will be paid by the Division of Congregational Life.

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JULY '89

C A L E N D A R

July

22	Board of Social Concerns retreat
25	Retirees & widows picnic, Marysville

August

2	Executive Committee, 7:30 am, St. John
4-6	Bishops & spouses at Holden Village
7	Churchwide Assembly delegates' meeting, 7 pm, St. John, Seattle
17-20	Leadership Training School, PLU
23-30	CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY, Chicago, IL

Sept

4	OFFICE CLOSED--LABOR DAY
13-15	Initial Interview Training, Denny Park
14	Youth Committee, 4 pm, Trinity, Lynnwood
15-16	STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE, LBI
15-16	Region I Candidacy Committee
17	South King Cluster, 2 pm, Lakeridge, Seattle
22-23	Regional Coordinating Council
23	No. Snohomish Cluster, 10 am, Peace, Silvana
25-28	THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE, Holden Village
29-30	Synod Council Retreat, LOMA, Issaquah

CALLS ACCEPTED LP=Lead Pastor A=Associate Y=Youth Pastor

Richard G. Christensen	Zion, Ferndale	08/01/89
Bruce E. Hackman	Josephine Sunset Home, Stanwood	06/12/89
Sonja A. Johnson (Int)	Northlake, Kenmore	06/25/89
John J. Keiter, Jr.	Foss Home, Seattle	06/16/89
Larry P. Morris (A)	Holy Spirit, Kirkland	08/01/89

ORDINATION

Larry P. Morris	Kent, Kent	07/16/89

INSTALLATIONS

Paul A. Fauske	Holy Trinity, Mercer Island	09/10/89
Bruce E. Hackman	Josephine Sunset Home, Stanwood	09/24/89
David J. Lund	Bethel/Shoreline, Seattle	08/20/89
Larry P. Morris	Holy Spirit, Kirkland	08/13/89

RESIGNATIONS

E. H. Kindschuh	Holy Trinity, Mercer Island	06/01/89
Janelle Fosse (AIM)	Christ, Edmonds	07/10/89

ANNIVERSARY

Christ the Servant, Bellingham	15th	06/89
Cross of Christ, Bellevue	15th	06/89
Kent, Kent	100th	08/89

CONGREGATIONS IN CALL PROCESS

NV=New Vacancy Int=Interim
CP=Congregational Profile I=Interviewing C=Calling

Ferndale, Christ	I	Robert Johnson, Pastor
Freeland, Trinity	I	Clair Grube, Int
Lake Stevens, Ebenezer (A)	C	Richard Edmonds, Pastor
Redmond, Faith	C	Paul Running, Int
Redmond, Sammamish Hills (A)	CP	Richard Nieman, Pastor
Renton, Nativity	I	Lothar Pietz, Int
Seattle, 1st/Richmond Beach (A)	C	Ray Lester, Pastor
Seattle, Denny Park	CP	Robert Schultz, Int
Seattle, St. John	C	Grant Gard, Int

ECUMENICAL DECADE
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1988-1998

SELAH! *An occasional column of commentary from the faculty of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary edited by Professors George Hoyer and Robert Smith*

The Year 2000 and Beyond: A New Spirituality?

by Walter M. Stuhr, Professor of Ethics

Last month Professor Martha Storz commented on The Year 2000 and Beyond Conference sponsored by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America earlier this year. She highlighted the scientists' challenge to the churches to be the source of a "new spirituality" for the next millennium. It is surprising to have scientists look to the churches for something they consider essential for continuing planetary life. It is also somewhat embarrassing, since "spirituality" is not a category with which we Lutherans are comfortable.

We do sometimes talk about our "spiritual life," referring to such practices as prayer, Bible reading, and meditation. But this is not what the scientists have in mind. "Spiritual life," as we speak of it, tends to focus on cultivating in our personal life a sense of health, meaningfulness, and peace amidst a generally deteriorating, meaningless, and hostile world. Spirituality in that sense puts *us* in a "better space" but leaves the *world* unchanged.

However, it is just this *world* of land and sea--this biosphere of human society and plant and animal life--that the scientists say is in desperate need of restored health, meaning, and peace. The new spirituality must place the world at the center of our concern rather than ourselves, must move us toward the world rather than away from the world. What is the spirituality that will do that and is to be found within the Christian faith?

I think that such a spirituality is a way of *seeing* the world. It is seeing the earth and sea and sky as alive themselves, as giving and sustaining life, and as capable of being destroyed and no longer able to sustain life. It is seeing people as life and creativity but also as vulnerability and unfulfilled possibility. It is seeing our surroundings as opportunity for care and enjoyment rather than exploitation and profit. It is perceiving everything as either living or dying, life-giving or death-dealing.

Is this a *new* spirituality? The psalmist wrote centuries ago, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those that dwell therein...." Have we perhaps turned a spirituality of creation into a doctrine of creation? John the Evangelist wrote centuries ago, " And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...." Do we teach a doctrine of incarnation while failing to cultivate a spirituality of incarnation?

I think the spirituality for which the scientists ask is present in the biblical perception of the oneness of God, God's world, and God's people. The ecology of faith and the ecology of created existence are not separate realities and separate concerns. Paul expresses this all-encompassing interrelatedness in Roman 8:18-25, as he reminds his readers that "creation" (Nature) is to share in the "first fruits of the Spirit" given to God's "adopted" sons and daughters, just as it shares in the "bondage of decay" and "futility" of God's rebellious children.

But if we simply *believe* this, as doctrine, we will fail to *see* it as we meet each other and the world in our day-to-day lives. The possibility for the restoration of all existence to health and meaning and peace is in the *seeing*; for it is perception that shapes action!